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SUBJECT: CENTER ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS (MNCS)

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED REFTEL JANUARY 15 WITH SENIOR SWISS OFFICIALS CONCERNED MNC AND DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS (STAEHLIN, SALADIN). MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED FURTHER WITHIN GOS BUT FOLLOWING WERE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS.

2. SWISS SHARE CONCERN RE SOLE CANDIDACY OF SOMAVIA FOR POSITION OF DIRECTOR MNC INFORMATION AND RESEARCH CENTER WITHIN UN SECRETARIAT. THEY HAD NO PARTICULAR REACTION TO INDIVIDUALS MENTIONED PARA 3 REFTEL ALTHOUGH THEY SAW NO REASON WHY ANY OF THOSE LISTED WOULD BE UNACCEPTABLE. THEIR INITIAL FEELING WAS THAT SWITZERLAND VERY UNLIKELY HAVE CANDIDATE PUT FORWARD. THEY COULD SEE LOGIC OF NATIONAL FROM ONE OF COUNTRIES MENTIONED PARA 2 REFTEL BUT ON OTHER HAND THOUGHT THAT COMPETENT LDC CANDIDATE WITH REQUISITE TECHNICAL AND PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVITY WOULD  
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BE EVEN MORE ACCEPTABLE GENERALLY. VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES

MAY BE REVIEWED WITH FORMER SWISS PRESIDENT SCHAFFNER WHO  
SERVED ON EMINENT PERSONS PANEL.

3. ON RELATED SUBJECT, GOS OFFICIALS WERE CONSIDERING  
WHETHER TO INSTRUCT SWISS OBSERVER MISSION NEW YORK PUT  
FORWARD CANDIDACY OF SWITZERLAND SHOULD OPEN ELECTION TAKE  
PLACE IN WESTERN AND OTHER GROUP FOR 10 SEATS ON UN  
COMMISSION ON MNCS OR WHETHER INSTEAD TO WAIT A YEAR UNTIL  
VACANCY WILL PRESUMABLY OCCUR. THEY NOTED GREAT IMPORTANCE  
TO SWITZERLAND OF ANY INTER-GOVERNMENTAL WORK ON MNCS AND  
HOPED THEY COULD HAVE USG SUPPORT AT APPROPRIATE TIME  
FOR SEAT FOR SWITZERLAND. WE GAINED IMPRESSION THEY WILL  
NOT PRESS MATTER AT THIS TIME.

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